

26. The composition of Claim 21 which further comprises a co-solvent added to the working fluid to form a mixture, wherein the co-solvent is selected from the group consisting of water, alcohols, ethers, glycols, esters, ketones, and aldehydes, and wherein the mixture is sufficiently stable for a fabric washing application.

27. The composition of Claim 25 further comprising agents to further effect a change in at least one physical parameter of the working fluid, wherein the at least one physical parameter is selected from the group consisting of pH, ionic strength, conductivity, or polarity.

28. The composition of Claim 21 wherein the working fluid is a liquid.

29. The composition of Claim 21 wherein the working fluid has a surface tension of less than or equal to 35 dynes/cm².

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30. The composition of Claim 21 wherein the working fluid has an oil solvency greater than water without being oleophilic.

31. The composition of Claim 30 wherein the oil solvency is less than or equal to 30 KB.

32. The composition of Claim 21 wherein the working fluid has a solubility in water of less than about 10%.

33. The composition of Claim 21 wherein the working fluid has a viscosity less than water under normal washing conditions.

34. The composition of Claim 21 wherein the working fluid has a pH from about 6.0 to about 8.0.

35. The composition of Claim 21 wherein the working fluid has a vapor pressure less than the vapor pressure of water.

36. The composition of Claim 21 wherein the working fluid has a flash point of greater than or equal to 145 °C.

37. The composition of Claim 21 wherein the working fluid is substantially non-reactive under washing conditions.

38. The composition of Claim 21 wherein the working fluid is substantially non-swelling to natural fabrics in the fabric load.

39. The composition of Claim 21 wherein the working fluid is hydrofluoroether.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 21-39 have been added as new claims. Figure 15 has been added as a new Figure. The specification and drawings have been amended to include the subject matter of originally filed Claims 1-20 to the extent that the subject matter was missing in the original specification. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

Applicants request prompt and favorable consideration of pending Claims 21-39.

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